Objectives of festival of India and USSR

3299. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what are the objectives of "Festival of India and USSR" and what amount of expenditure has been incurred on this account so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): The Festivals of India and the USSR had been designed to create an awareness in the peoples of the two countries of each other's cultural heritage alongwith contemporary accomplishments, dedicated to the 40th year of India's Independence and the 70th year of the Soviet Revolution.

The expenditure as on 30.11.88 on account of Festival of India in the USSR is Rs. 11,19,50,000.00 approx. and Festival of the USSR in India is Rs. 20,91,00,000.00 approx.

Agreement between India and Singapore for development of tourism

3300. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement was signed by Government of India with the Singapore Government to develop tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Complaint regarding non-availability of TTE in 122 Express

3301. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any RAC Passenger of 122 Express on the 8th October, 1988 from New Delhi to Madras had made any written complaint to Train Superintendent regarding non-availability of TTE to allot berths and check tickets; and the number of TTEs who were available for checking tickets on that train on 8th October;

(b) if so, whether any departmental enquiry was conducted; if so, what was its outcome and who was held responsible for this lapse and the action taken against the concerned; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that such incidents do not occur in future.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. One RAC passenger complained to Train Superintendent of 122 Tamil Nadu Express of 8.10.88 regarding non-availability of TTE in S-6 coach between New Delhi and Bhopal. As per requirement of 6 TTEs to man 11 Sleeper coaches 3 TTEs were available between New Delhi and Jhansi and 4 TTEs between Jhansi and Bhopal.

(b) and (c) Due to shortage of TTEs on Central Railway, all the reserved coaches of 122 Tamil Nadu Express could not be manned. Efforts are, however, being made to man maximum number of coaches.